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HONEY MARKET FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2001
IN VOLUMES OF 10,000 POUNDS OR GREATER UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED
(REPORT INCLUDES BOTH OLD AND NEW CROP HONEY)

Prices paid to beekeepers for extracted, unprocessed honey in major producing states by packers, handlers & other large users, cents per pound, f.o.b. or delivered nearby, containers exchanged or returned, prompt delivery & payment unless otherwise stated.

ARIZONA	- Soybean, light amber, 58¢
CALIFORNIA	- Mixed Flowers, extra light & light amber, 63 - 67¢ - Orange, white, 73¢ - Sage, extra white, 75¢ (small lot)
FLORIDA	- Gallberry, white, 70¢ - Orange, white, 75¢ - - - extra light amber, 65¢
IDAHO	- Alfalfa, light amber, 65¢ - Clover/Alfalfa, white, 73 - 76¢ - Mint, light amber, 65¢ - - - dark amber, 45¢
MONTANA	- Alfalfa/Clover, white, 74 - 77¢ - Clover, white, 69 - 71¢
NEBRASKA	- Clover, white, 75¢
NORTH DAKOTA	- Alfalfa, white, 74¢ - - - light amber, 66¢ (small lot) - Clover, white, 75¢ - - - light amber, 68¢ - Mint, light amber, 65¢ (small lot) - - - amber, 60¢ (small lot) - Mint, dark amber, 51¢ (small lot)
OREGON	- Clover, white, 73 - 74¢
SOUTH DAKOTA	- Clover, white, 71¢
UTAH	- Clover/Alfalfa, white, 74 - 77¢
WASHINGTON	- Alfalfa, light amber, 65¢ - Buckwheat, amber, 61¢ - - - dark amber, 55¢ (small lot) - Canola, white, 74¢ (small lot) -- extra light amber, 71¢ (small lot) - Clover, white, 75¢ - - - amber, 61¢ (small lot) - Mint, amber, 61¢ - Onion/Carrot, amber, 61¢
WISCONSIN	- Clover, white, 68 - 73¢

Prices paid to Canadian beekeepers for unprocessed bulk honey by packers & importers in U.S. currency, f.o.b. shipping point, containers included unless otherwise stated. Duty & crossing charges extra. Cents per pound.

None purchases reported...

Prices paid to importers for bulk honey, duty paid, containers included, cents per pound ex-dock or point of entry unless otherwise stated.

EAST COAST.... ARGENTINA - Clover, white, 78¢
CHINA - Mixed Flowers, extra light amber, 69 1/2¢
CHINA - Floral Source not reported - light amber, 67 1/2¢



COLONY, HONEY PLANT & MARKET CONDITIONS DURING DECEMBER

APPALACHIAN DISTRICT – (MD, PA, VA, WV) . . .

After above normal temperatures for the largest part of the month (low to mid 70's), temperatures turned to more seasonal and normal about a week prior to Christmas. A few beekeepers were concerned about bees consuming stored food due to increased activity resulting from the warm temperatures. A few good rain showers contributed much needed moisture to the topsoil; however, water tables continue to register way below normal. Beekeepers are monitoring colonies; however, generally activity is minimal this time of year.

CALIFORNIA . . .

Stormy weather continued throughout December, especially in Northern California. The first week, winds of 52 mph were recorded in Sacramento and more than 5' of snow fell in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. A few almond trees blew over during the storm. When skies cleared, temperatures dropped and widespread frost was reported, mainly in the valleys. Another storm hit on the 14th and 15th, bringing rain and more wind to the entire state and three more feet of snow to the mountains. Fairly warm temperatures were common through the end of the month but the rains continued. Sacramento set a record on the 28th when they received 1.29" while Stockton had a near record of 1.27". The California Department of Water Resources reported that the water equivalent of the Sierra Nevada snowpack climbed to 13" or nearly 140% of normal by the 20th.

The bees are reported to be in good condition despite the wet weather and there are little to no floral sources this time of year. Losses from mites are also reported to be light this year. Beekeepers were kept busy checking colonies to make sure they are strong enough to cover their pollination contracts with almond growers. No shortages of bees for almond pollination are expected as more and more out-of-state bees are being brought in. No one ever knows for sure however, if they have adequate supplies until the almonds start to bloom. Beekeeping supply businesses report they are selling a considerable amount of syrup as the wet, cool weather has kept the bees in their hives and eating winter stores.

Packers report offerings of honey slowed during December while sales of bottled products were steady. A few producers are still holding last years crop for higher prices but some packers fell the price could have already reached the top.

COLORADO . . .

Most of December has remained seasonably cool with scattered mountain showers through most of the state. Temperatures ranged from the mid 20s to mid 30s for daytime highs and the nightly lows from the single digits to the low teens for most of the month. Moisture varied, as various winter storms brought some heavy snows for the northern and central mountains ranging from 10 to 20 inches. The eastern plains remained fairly dry with light snow showers. With the cold weather limiting activities, most beekeepers have been cleaning yards and maintaining equipment as needed. Migatory colonies are reported to be wintering well and are in fairly good condition at this time.

GEORGIA . . .

Colonies around the state were generally in good condition. There was very little activity occurring in the beekeeping industry in December which often the month with the least activity. Spot checking of colonies and equipment maintenance was the extent of the activity noted during December.

IDAHO . . .

Most hives have been moved to California or are being stockpiled getting ready for the move. Weather in California has been wet but letting up occasionally allowing bees to get out for cleansing flights and also allowing keepers to feed the colonies. Holiday sales have been good keeping prices steady.

ILLINOIS . . .

The first of the month, temperatures were as much as nineteen degrees above normal. Beekeepers were concerned the bees would deplete honey stores. Most beekeepers started supplemental feeding throughout the state. The favorable weather gave beekeepers a chance to inspect how healthy the colonies were. By mid-month, the weather pattern changed with seasonable temperatures in the 20's and 30's in southern sections and in the teen's to mid twenties in northern sections.

Retail demand for bottled honey was good due to holiday baking and bulk honey demand was reported moderate.

INDIANA . . .

Honeybees were in very good condition due to above normal temperatures the first of the month. Honeybees had numerous cleansing flights as temperatures were in the mid 60's in southern sections and in the 40's and 50's in northern sections. Rainfall became a problem in low lining areas close to rivers. Some parts of southern Indiana received 3 to 5 inches of rainfall. The Wabash River on the West Side of the state was four to six feet over flood stage.

Retail honey was reported good due to holiday demand. Bulk sales and demand was reported improving due to packers' interest. Prices remained steady.

MISSISSIPPI . . .

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MISSOURI & IOWA . . .

Weather during December was moderate. There has been some snow in Iowa. Most of the month was sunny with some rain and wind near the end of the month. There has been no bee losses so far this fall going into the winter season. Bee losses are expected to be light this winter due to the mild weather and strong colonies going into winter. December snowfall was below normal. Total precipitation for the year ended near to slightly below normal. Colonies are in good condition going into January.

Wholesale trading of bulk honey was up about 5-10% from last month.

MONTANA . . .

Ravalli County in Central Montana finally received over 28" of snow on the 12th through the 14th. Unfortunately, the rest of the state remains dry. Some areas had nighttime lows in the teens but daytime highs were as much as 11 degrees above normal.

Seasonal beekeepers were busy during the month going through boxes and doing maintenance on equipment before new packages arrive this spring.

NORTH CAROLINA . . .

During the month of December, North Carolina experienced warmer temperatures than normal. However, the drought conditions continue. The city of Charlotte in the Piedmont area of North Carolina reported wrapping up its driest 12 months in at least 123 years. They reported having received 26.23 inches of precipitation in 2001, 39 percent below the annual average of recent decades. Beekeepers continued to watch for feeding during the unusually warm weather in December. The forecast for January is much colder, which will help with putting the bees in a state of dormancy.

OREGON . . .

Wet, stormy weather along with mild temperatures were the story across the state most of December. High winds also accompanied the storms, especially along the coast where gusts of 79 mph were reported on the 13th. There were eleven straight weeks of stormy weather through the end of the month which brought rains to the valleys and heavy snow to the Cascade Mountains. Temperatures mostly averaged 2-5 degrees above normal and rarely dropped much below freezing, even in Eastern Oregon.

Most migratory bees were still sitting in holding yards in Oregon. Spot inspections were done to check on the condition of the colonies and beekeepers are happy as they found the colonies to be virtually the same size as they were going into winter. The mild temperatures also allowed the bees to take numerous cleansing flights. This is very beneficial this time of year even though they found no food sources. Some trees and plants, such as witch hazel, were starting to bud the end of December because of the warm temperatures. Beekeepers will keep busy doing shop work, repairs and maintenance until February when the bees will be put into the almonds in California.

UTAH . . .

Bees were in very good shape heading into winter, most have been sent to California. Good holiday sales, have kept prices steady.

WASHINGTON . . .

Heavy precipitation, especially in Western Washington, continued into December. From October 1st to December 15th, Seattle had 16.51" or 138% of normal. Daily record rainfall totals on the 16th included 2.90" in Olympia which exceeded 10" for the second month, boosting their water year-to-date total to 29.14" or 165% of normal compared to only 62% last year. Coastal locations recorded their 11th straight week of storm weather. The Yakima River Basin water shed has already received twice as much rain and snow as a year ago. The Bureau of Reclamation reported that precipitation continued 120% above normal during December. Through December, 2000, the water in the limited snowpack was just 55% of normal. Dry conditions persisted during the rest of last winter, resulting in the worst drought in the basin's history. Adding December 2001 to the wet months of October and November results in total precipitation of 124% for the water year. The National Water and Climate Center reported the amount of water in the snowpack this year ranges from 106 - 125% of average. Temperatures were mild across the state, barely dropping below freezing, even in Eastern Washington, mostly because conditions were cloudy.

Mild temperatures allowed bees to take cleansing flights but they also ate a lot of their winter stores. Producers noted they were robbing honey houses because there were no other food sources once they left the hive. Bees wintering in California continue to be in good condition despite the rainy weather. Beekeepers are hoping they added enough winter feed to get them through January when they will be checked again before they are moved into the almonds.

WISCONSIN . . .

The Beekeepers have finished all outside activities for the season. Most beekeepers started supplemental feeding of sugar syrup or candy boards. Beekeeper activities were limited to repairing and cleaning equipment.

Retail honey movement was good due to holiday baking. Bulk honey and wax movement was moderate.

**U. S. EXPORTS OF HONEY BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATION, QUANTITY & VALUE**

	<u>O C T O B E R 2 0 0 1</u>		<u>Y E A R T O D A T E 2 0 0 1</u>	
	QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE
	Kilograms	Dollars	Kilograms	Dollars
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HONEY, NATURAL, PACKAGED FOR RETAIL SALE-----			DOMESTIC MERCHANDISE	
Mexico	---	3,750	23,426	33,950
Panama	---	---	1,640	4,294
Bermuda	---	---	1,273	3,643
Barbados	---	---	4,310	7,298
Northern Antilles	---	---	825	2,886
Aruba	---	---	653	3,237
United Kingdom	21,850	35,380	51,656	128,408
Netherlands	---	---	2,288	3,001
Belgium	---	---	4,527	12,121
France	---	---	11,323	30,926
Israel	---	---	3,262	4,278
Jordan	---	---	12,623	35,880
Kuwait	17,451	41,789	104,675	287,381
Saudi Arabia	24,508	48,726	313,089	615,480

EXPORTS continued

Qatar	1,864	5,074	1,864	5,074
Arab Emirates	13,984	40,946	108,793	314,942
Yemen	21,115	47,285	371,689	903,711
Bahrain	755	3,053	4,277	15,685
Pakistan	---	---	14,200	43,318
Malaysia	---	---	14,617	19,172
Singapore	---	---	19,254	47,673
Philippines	---	---	169,430	44,151
Korean Rep.	---	---	162,930	224,713
Hong Kong	4,018	7,956	10,550	20,949
Taiwan	---	---	3,080	4,115
Japan	---	---	167,385	334,451
Australia	---	---	9,366	12,285
TOTAL	105,545	230,209	1,452,789	3,163,022

HONEY, NATURAL, NOT ELSEWHERE INDICATED OR SPECIFIED ----- DOMESTIC MERCHANDISE

Canada	26,609	45,637	249,915	474,068
Mexico	9,796	18,618	81,839	141,176
Costa Rica	---	---	5,022	8,910
Dom. Republic	---	---	37,418	59,570
Guadalupe	---	---	6,036	14,674
Venezuela	---	---	1,343	3,900
Sweden	---	---	38,853	58,866
United Kingdom	---	---	19,120	39,783
Netherlands	522	4,035	522	4,035
Belgium	---	---	19,480	34,773
Germany	44,242	41,084	89,098	117,414
Israel	---	---	460,840	515,138
Saudi Arabia	---	---	51,293	74,550
Yemen	---	---	77,230	128,835
Singapore	907	4,965	12,312	29,671
Indonesia	---	---	32,772	77,966
Philippines	---	---	75,726	188,900
Korean Rep.	15,520	28,627	18,520	37,566
Hong Kong	---	---	306	2,843
Japan	40,043	52,525	148,951	251,530
New Zealand	---	---	2,700	10,861
TOTAL	137,639	195,491	1,429,246	2,275,029

HONEY, NATURAL, NOT ELSEWHERE INDICATED OR SPECIFIED ----- FOREIGN MERCHANDISE

Canada	---	---	34,258	78,635
Mexico	---	---	1,161	2,700
Denmark	---	---	2,669	3,500
Saudi Arabia	---	---	370	2,516
Japan	---	---	19,800	17,820
TOTAL	---	---	58,258	105,171

U. S. IMPORTS OF HONEY BY COUNTRY, QUANTITY AND VALUE

COUNTRY	OCTOBER 2001			YEAR TO DATE 2001		
	QUANTITY	CUSTOMS	C.I.F.	QUANTITY	CUSTOMS	C.I.F.
	kilograms	VALUE	VALUE	kilograms	VALUE	VALUE
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NATURAL HONEY, NOT PACKAGED FOR RETAIL SALE - - - WHITE						
Canada	1,432,660	2,156,883	2,176,652*	5,734,129	8,011,178	8,117,837
Mexico	283,200	290,274	303,024	696,497	817,869	850,710
Chile	---	---	---	469,815	499,476	536,006
Uruguay	---	---	---	272,841	251,641	278,880
Argentina	59,657	64,449	65,422	14,401,360	13,259,459	14,304,894
Denmark	---	---	---	6,304	16,488	17,606
United Kingdom	---	---	---	356	3,905	5,680
Germany	---	---	---	80,200	198,299	204,124
Czechoslovakia	---	---	---	38,400	48,608	50,112
Slovakia	---	---	---	18,300	26,355	28,293
Hungary	52,200	69,774	75,187	413,488	537,972	572,227
Poland	---	---	---	960	3,527	3,752
Turkey	57,000	69,495	75,616	57,000	69,495	75,616
Thailand	197,200	197,522	218,040	433,840	422,311	470,072
Vietnam	36,540	33,372	38,720	419,840	351,743	405,126
China, Mainland	433,840	441,938	480,240	2,269,250	1,959,258	2,152,995
Australia	---	---	---	18,900	31,374	31,376
New Zealand	---	---	---	1,103	3,400	3,586
TOTAL	1,552,297	3,323,707	3,432,901	25,332,583	26,512,358	28,108,892
NATURAL HONEY, NOT PACKAGED FOR RETAIL SALE - - - EXTRA LIGHT AMBER						
Canada	---	---	---	71,512	104,493	106,160
Mexico	95,568	134,637	142,961	96,558	146,299	154,823
Chile	19,612	25,732	27,799	151,890	155,931	168,530
Uruguay	9,362	12,358	12,618	490,223	503,100	525,067
Argentina	---	---	---	3,939,495	3,767,449	3,966,496
Thailand	98,600	96,763	107,173	118,320	112,906	125,513
Vietnam	301,600	291,812	318,587	564,800	499,836	551,597
China	---	---	---	3,784,111	3,394,602	3,672,687
Australia	---	---	---	19,720	19,538	21,800
TOTAL	524,742	561,302	609,138	9,236,629	8,704,154	9,292,673
NATURAL HONEY, NOT PACKAGED FOR RETAIL SALE - - - LIGHT AMBER						
Canada	2,155	5,728	5,801	107,898	156,758	158,186
Mexico	205,200	247,990	270,375	1,997,846	2,259,296	2,389,500
Nicaragua	---	---	---	14,185	22,816	26,143
Chile	---	---	---	150,269	151,764	159,915
Uruguay	47,754	53,498	56,809	1,420,300	1,433,147	1,516,677
Argentina	---	---	---	1,224,410	1,056,704	1,132,324
France	---	---	---	2,735	13,808	17,830
Germany	18,521	21,403	22,903	64,423	110,147	120,773

IMPORTS continued

Czechoslovakia	---	---	---	1,488	2,536	2,549
Hungary	6,380	15,654	16,029	26,540	43,510	44,731
Switzerland	783	5,500	5,703	783	5,500	5,703
Poland	---	---	---	807	2,059	2,069
Italy	---	---	---	2,608	7,541	7,991
Greece	---	---	---	2,512	15,984	16,947
Romania	18,760	21,157	23,249	18,760	21,157	23,249
Turkey	---	---	---	2,400	6,000	6,260
Thailand	---	---	---	19,720	21,692	22,892
Vietnam	682,640	593,687	655,291	4,002,017	3,399,952	3,861,803
Philippines	---	---	---	568	3,350	3,531
China	177,480	178,308	192,256	12,059,745	8,546,313	9,539,022
Hong Kong	---	---	---	1,092	3,214	3,406
Taiwan	---	---	---	1,727	5,370	5,557
New Zealand	---	---	---	7,053	54,083	54,942
Zambia	---	---	---	28,320	23,479	26,479
TOTAL	1,159,673	1,142,925	1,248,416	19,178,606	17,397,596	19,183,935

NATURAL HONEY, NOT PACKAGED FOR RETAIL SALE – NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED OR INDICATED

Canada	22,596	35,697	35,934	185,448	224,812	26,1117
Mexico	93,115	100,109	104,957	784,166	954,776	1,000,423
Dom. Republic	16,273	27,685	29,160	174,343	229,965	244,172
Columbia	---	---	---	972	7,305	8,605
Chile	---	---	---	55,054	56,280	60,560
Brazil	---	---	---	364	2,009	2,379
Uruguay	---	---	---	92,693	162,909	173,847
Argentina	---	---	---	691,239	669,182	724,864
France	1,000	4,601	4,801	2,400	11,070	11,970
Austria	428	2,432	2,730	11,767	59,825	64,181
Switzerland	---	---	---	14,557	98,336	102,638
Poland	2,304	11,160	11,246	2,304	11,160	11,246
Italy	---	---	---	4,571	10,054	10,292
Turkey	---	---	---	800	3,627	3,854
India	---	---	---	20,000	26,520	27,700
Vietnam	---	---	---	178,660	150,557	171,772
China	---	---	---	683,162	598,834	663,761
Taiwan	---	---	---	5,533	28,891	30,190
Australia	9,287	22,272	23,372	65,588	135,974	142,792
New Zealand	---	---	---	900	6,454	6,654
TOTAL	145,003	203,956	212,250	2,974,521	3,448,540	3,688,061

*CORRECTION... This figure for September, 2001 should have read 1,132,269

2000 LOAN SUMMARY REPORT - AS OF FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, 2002

DATA IN THIS REPORT ARE IN POUNDS

USDA, Price Support Division

L O A N S M A D E				L O A N S O U T S T A N D I N G		
State	Count	Quantity	Amount	Count	Quantity	Amount
- - - O R I G I N A L - - -				- - - O U T S T A N D I N G - - -		
AL	9	235,920.00	\$153,348.00			
AZ	9	661,670.00	\$430,085.50			
AR	26	2,467,587.00	\$1,603,931.55	4	631,623.00	\$410,554.97
CA	137	6,075,405.00	\$3,949,013.25	19	153,587.00	\$99,831.55
CO	18	624,529.00	\$405,943.85	2	26,650.00	\$17,322.50
FL	37	1,479,033.00	\$961,371.45			
GA	4	58,153.00	\$37,799.45			
ID	49	1,801,033.00	\$1,170,671.45			
LA	24	1,418,061.00	\$921,739.65			
KS	12	397,010.00	\$258,056.50			
LA	12	269,193.00	\$174,975.45			
MI	34	1,037,127.00	\$674,132.55	2		
MN	32	1,496,731.00	\$971,225.15	3	52,839.00	\$34,345.35
MS	8	203,733.00	\$132,426.45			
MO	4	63,130.00	\$41,034.50			
MT	36	2,610,912.00	\$1,689,530.63			
NE	26	1,646,439.00	\$1,070,185.35			
NJ	2	116,977.00	\$76,035.05			
NM	1	22,500.00	\$14,625.00			
NY	34	997,260.00	\$648,219.00	3	190,245.00	\$123,659.25
NC	6	49,411.00	\$32,117.15			
ND	112	8,599,271.00	\$5,586,160.15	2	38,880.00	\$25,272.00
OK	1	3,000.00	\$1,950.00			
OR	18	916,093.00	\$595,460.45			
PA	7	76,520.00	\$49,738.00			
SC	2	25,681.00	\$16,692.65			
SD	114	13,715,284.00	\$8,914,934.60	5	25,871.00	\$16,816.15
TX	48	3,378,844.00	\$2,196,248.60	1		
UT	14	363,405.00	\$235,777.65			
VT	2	14,120.00	\$9,178.00			
VA	1	24,375.00	\$15,843.75			
WA	38	1,135,351.00	\$737,978.15	7	77,422.00	\$50,324.30
WI	19	1,967,660.00	\$1,278,979.00			
TOTALS	896	53,951,418.00	\$35,055,407.93	48	1,197,117.00	\$778,126.07

Argentina - Honey - 2001

(USDA, FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE)

Production . . . Production is expected to fall this year (2001) to 85,000 tons, down from 90,000 tons in 2000 and 98,000 tons in 1999. The 1999 & 2000 figures are from official Argentine government sources (they report unfavorable weather in 2000 as the problem) & appear to be consistent with export statistics showing a drop in exports between 1999 & 2000.

The drop in production for 2001 is Post's estimate, which is based on local contacts & the relatively low level of exports through August this year of 56,939 tons (13% less than the same period last year). Honey is exported throughout the year, but the heaviest exports normally take place from March through May as the harvest becomes available. Local contacts report that unfavorable weather was behind the drop in production this year & last year.

The Argentine Department of Agriculture estimates that there are currently about 2.8 million bee hives in the country, up from 2.5 million in 1998. No figures are available for 1999 and 2000, but based on production estimates and lower prices in 2001 we estimate that the total number of hives was 2.7 million in 1999 (which had record production) and 2.8 million in 2000. The same sources estimate that agricultural areas in Argentina has the potential to support 4.5 million hives. The number of hives estimated by the Argentine Ag Department is probably a rough estimate, since this would be a very hard number to estimate with exactitude.

The average honey yield is between 30 and 35 kilos per colony each year, although in some areas yields are as high as 60-70 kilos per colony annually. The province of Buenos Aires accounts for more than 50 percent of total Argentine honey production, and is where higher yields are recorded.

Stocks . . . No estimates are available for honey stocks, and stocks are generally calculated as a residual. According to a contact at the Argentine Ag Department, stocks held over from one year to the next are generally minimal (almost zero), since there is very little local consumption and most production is exported. This is similar to the grain sector, where Argentina traditionally has held very low stocks over from one year to the next (carryover stocks of sorghum and soybeans were less than 2 percent of total production this year).

Consumption . . . No exact figures are available on domestic consumption, but Argentine Government sources estimate annual consumption of around 200 grams per capita.

Exports . . . Exports to the US are down substantially in 2001 as a result of the antidumping and countervailing duty investigations. Total exports are also down compared to the same period the previous year.

The export numbers are based on official export statistics maintained by the Argentine Secretariat of Agriculture. Export numbers in Argentina tend to be more accurate than estimates of production, consumption and stocks, because exporters receive tax rebates (export reimbursements and VAT rebates) for all exports. This gives exporters a strong incentive to fully report (if not over report) all exports.

Policy . . . Argentine exports of honey to the US are currently subject to an anti-dumping and countervailing duty investigation. The investigation was conducted by the Commerce Department, with the results published on September 27, 2000. The ITC now conducting a review for the final injury investigation (the maximum period for this review is 45 days). The final determination of the Department of Commerce established a countervailing duty margin of 4.53 percent (with a deposit of 5.85 percent due to increased payments under the program during the course of the investigation). The margin was based largely on subsidies in the form of government loans and export tax rebates/payments. The final determination for the antidumping investigation established margins that ranged between 32.56 percent and 60.67 percent.

Argentine Honey Exports by Destination During Calendar 2000:

DESTINATION	VOLUME (Metric Tons)	VALUE (000 US\$)
United States	44,272	43,094
Germany	24,133	23,643
Italy	6,356	6,434
U.K.	2,641	2,630
Spain	1,913	1,910
Japan	1,559	1,666
Belgium	1,376	1,338
France	1,224	1,184
Eire	924	945
Saudi Arabia	895	1,067
Netherlands	874	926
All Others	1,463	1,776
TOTAL	87,610	86,613

Source: Argentine Secretariat of Agriculture.

Honey Supply and Demand Estimates

Country	Argentina					
Commodity	Honey				(1000 COLONIES)(MT)	
	Revised	1999	Preliminary	2000	Forecast	2001
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		01/1999		01/2000		01/2001
Commercial Colonies	2100	2600	0	2700	0	2700
Non-Commercial Colonies	100	100	0	100	0	100
TOTAL COLONIES	2200	2700	0	2800	0	2800
Beginning Stocks	0	0	3000	0	0	0
Production	85000	98000	0	90000	0	85000
Imports	20	20	0	20	0	20
TOTAL SUPPLY	85020	98020	3000	90020	0	85020
Exports	75000	90730	0	87610	0	79000
Domestic Consumption	7020	7290	0	2410	0	6020
Ending Stocks	3000	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	85020	98020	0	90020	0	85020

Canadian Honey Imports						
With January to August Comparison for 2000 & 2001						
Units: metric tons						
HS 0409						
				Jan-Aug	Jan-Aug	% change
	1998	1999	2000	2000	2001	01/00
-- The World --	2,410	2,859	2,824	1,685	3,225	91%
China	1,800	2,201	2,018	1,151	2,697	134%
United States	405	377	391	288	193	-33%
Argentina	1	69	117	78	132	70%
Greece	14	35	46	24	29	22%
Australia	1	5	41	13	16	17%
Switzerland	36	40	41	24	26	5%
All Others	153	133	169	106	132	24%
Source: World Trade Atlas						

Canadian Honey Exports						
With January to August Comparison for 2000 & 2001						
Units: metric tons						
				Jan-Aug	Jan-Aug	% change
	1998	1999	2000	2000	2001	01/00
THE WORLD	11,208	14,716	15,297	11,811	5,958	-50%
United States	7,050	12,084	12,960	10,294	4,806	-53%
Germany	2,948	1,666	1,352	940	380	-60%
Japan	316	200	301	146	285	96%
U. K.	278	250	264	163	153	-6%
France	112	122	168	59	115	95%
Denmark	61	142	121	80	0	-100%
Netherlands	201	140	62	62	0	-100%
All Others	241	111	69	66	218	229%

Source: World Trade Atlas